

Application No.: 09/880,515

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a supplemental amendment pursuant to a telephone conversation with Examiner Tran. Examiner Tran contacted Applicants' attorney by telephone December 8, 2004 regarding the subject application and its associated divisional application Serial No.10/260,066 filed 09/27/02. The associated divisional application Serial No.10/260,066 filed 09/27/02 included claims 20-26 that had been amended by an amendment filed September 20, 2004 (responsive to an Office Action mailed July 27, 2004) that amended independent claim 20 and cancelled claim 24. Examiner Tran stated that the claims 20-23 and 25-26 were allowable, but had to be placed in the parent application.

Applicants are amending the subject application (which is the parent of associated divisional application Serial No. 10/260,066 filed 09/27/02) to include the aforementioned allowable claims 20-23 and 25-26. The allowable claims 20-23 and 25-26 are renumbered as (New) claims 44-49).

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SUMMARY

The undersigned respectfully submits that, in view of the foregoing amendments and the foregoing remarks, the present application is in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered, that the claims be allowed, and that this case be passed to issue. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (925) 424-6897.

Respectfully submitted,



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